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SUBJECT: UNESCO 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: TIME-TABLE
FOR FURTHER ACTION ON ARAB-MOSLEM RESOLUTION
RE ISRAELI EXCAVATIONS IN JERUSALEM

1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, SUBJECT RESOLUTION (18C/SHC/
DR2) WHICH PASSED NOVEMBER 7 BY SOCIAL SCIENCES,
HUMANITIES AND CULTURAL COMMISSION BY VOTE OF 54-21-25
MUST UNDERGO DEBATE AND FINAL VOTE BY GENERAL CONFERENCE
PLENARY SESSION. LATTER NOW TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR
NOVEMBER 18-20 TIME-FRAME.

2. HOWEVER' AT INITIATIVE OF SENEGAL, UNESCO DIRECTOR
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GENERAL (MAHEU) WILL BE PRESENT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS RE

PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS OF RESOLUTION BEFORE NOVEMBER 13 SESSION OF SHC COMMISSION WHICH MUST APPROVE COMMISSION'S REPORT OF WHICH THIS AND OTHER RESOLUTIONS ARE A PART. MAHEU APPEARANCE WILL NOT ENABLE A RE-OPENING OF DEBATE AS RESOLUTION ALREADY VOTED UPON.

3. NOVEMBER 13 SESSION WILL THEREFORE BE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR MAHEU TO SPEAK OFFICIALLY ON RESOLUTION BEFORE HE LEAVES OFFICE ON NOVEMBER 14 WHEN NEXT DG (M'BOW, SENEGAL) IS ELECTED.

4. MAHEU REMARKS MAY INDICATE HOW AND WITHIN WHICH GUIDELINES SECRETARIAT WOULD PROCEED WITH RESOLUTIONS ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION.

5. ARABS CONTINUE TO LOBBY ACTIVELY AMONG LDC'S, ESPECIALLY BLACK AFRICAN STATES, TO OBTAIN BIGGER FAVORABLE MAJORITY FOR RESOLUTION. ARABS WELL AWARE THAT NOV. 7 MAJORITY OF 54 NATIONS AMONG 134 MEMBER STATES IS INDICATIVE OF RELUCTANCE AMONG USUAL THIRD WORLD ALLIES TO SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION.

6. MOST REALISTIC READING IS THAT RESOLUTION WILL BE PASSED IN PLENARY AND ARABS WILL PROBABLY INCREASE VOTES FOR RESOLUTION FROM AMONG THOSE WHO "ABSTAINED" OR WHO WERE "ABSENT" NOVEMBER 7.

7. PERMDEL WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT ADVISED OF CONTINUING DEVELOPMENTS.
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